

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application:

1. (currently amended) A method for selecting a broadcast program, comprising:

receiving a first user input representing a first digit associated with said broadcast program;

storing first data representing said first digit within one (T_1) of a first predetermined time interval for a first region and a second predetermined time interval for a second region; and

processing said first data for selecting said broadcast program.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:

said first predetermined time interval is shorter than said second predetermined time interval; and

said first data is processed after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires.

3. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprised of:

receiving a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within one of said first and second predetermined time intervals; and

processing said second data for selecting said broadcast program.

4. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprised of:

receiving a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within a third predetermined time interval (T_2) after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires; and

processing said second data for selecting said broadcast program.

5. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said first region includes Europe and Asia.

6. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said second region includes North America and South America.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein:
said first region receives first broadcast programs from a first service provider; and
said second region receives second broadcast programs from a second service provider.

8. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprised of:
enabling user selection of one of said first region and said second region; and
storing data corresponding to one of said first region and said second region responsive to said user selection.

9. (currently amended) An apparatus (20), comprising:
tuning means (15) for tuning a frequency providing a broadcast program;
memory means (14) for storing first data representing a first digit associated with said broadcast program responsive to a first user input, said memory means (14) storing said first data within one (T1) of a first predetermined time interval for a first region and a second predetermined time interval for a second region; and
processing means (13) for processing said first data and controlling said tuning means (15) to select said broadcast program.

10. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 9, wherein:
said first predetermined time interval is shorter than said second predetermined time interval; and
said processing means (13) processes said first data after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires.

11. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 9, wherein said processing means (13):

detects a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within one of said first and second predetermined time intervals; and

processes said second data for selecting said broadcast program.

12. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 9, wherein said processing means (13):

detects a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within a third predetermined time interval (T2) after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires; and

processes said second data for selecting said broadcast program.

13. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 9, wherein said first region includes Europe and Asia.

14. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 9, wherein said second region includes North America and South America.

15. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 9, wherein:

said first region receives first broadcast programs from a first service provider; and

said second region receives second broadcast programs from a second service provider.

16. (currently amended) The apparatus (20) of claim 9, wherein said memory means (14) stores data corresponding to one of said first region and said second region responsive to user selection of one of said first region and said second region.

17. (currently amended) A television signal receiver (20), comprising:
 - a tuner (15) operative to tune a frequency providing a broadcast program;
 - a memory (14) operative to store first data representing a first digit associated with said broadcast program responsive to a first user input, wherein said memory (14) stores said first data within one (T1) of a first predetermined time interval for a first region and a second predetermined time interval for a second region; and
 - a processor (13) operative to process said first data and control said tuner (15) to select said broadcast program.
18. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 17, wherein:
 - said first predetermined time interval is shorter than said second predetermined time interval; and
 - said processor (13) processes said first data after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires.
19. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 17, wherein said processor (13) is further operative to:
 - detect a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within one of said first and second predetermined time intervals; and
 - process said second data to select said broadcast program.
20. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 17, wherein said processor (13) is further operative to:
 - detect a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program within a third predetermined time interval (T2) after one of said first and second predetermined time intervals expires; and
 - process said second data to select said broadcast program.

21. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 17, wherein said first region includes Europe and Asia.

22. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 17, wherein said second region includes North America and South America.

23. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 17, wherein:

said first region receives first broadcast programs from a first service provider; and

said second region receives second broadcast programs from a second service provider.

24. (currently amended) The television signal receiver (20) of claim 17, wherein said memory (14) is further operative to store data corresponding to one of said first region and said second region responsive to user selection of one of said first region and said second region.

25. (original) A method for selecting a broadcast program, comprising:

receiving a first user input representing a first digit associated with said broadcast program;

receiving a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program;

processing data corresponding to said first and second user inputs to select said broadcast program if said second digit is in a first set of digits; and

waiting for a third user input representing a third digit associated with said broadcast program without selecting said broadcast program if said second digit is in a second set of digits, wherein said first set of digits is different from said second set of digits.

26. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein:

said first set of digits includes 3 through 9; and

said second set of digits includes 0 through 2.

27. (currently amended) The method of claim 25, further comprised of:
starting a predetermined time interval (T_2) responsive to said first user input; and

wherein said second user input is received within said predetermined time interval (T_2);

28. (currently amended) An apparatus ($\oplus 20$), comprising:
tuning means ($\oplus 15$) for tuning frequencies providing broadcast programs;

processing means ($\oplus 13$) for detecting a first user input representing a first digit associated with a broadcast program and a second user input representing a second digit associated with said broadcast program;

wherein said processing means ($\oplus 13$) processes data corresponding to said first and second user inputs to select said broadcast program if said second digit is in a first set of digits; and

wherein said processing means ($\oplus 13$) waits for a third user input representing a third digit associated with said broadcast program without selecting said broadcast program if said second digit is in a second set of digits, wherein said first set of digits is different from said second set of digits.

29. (currently amended) The apparatus ($\oplus 20$) of claim 28, wherein:
said first set of digits includes 3 through 9; and
said second set of digits includes 0 through 2.

30. (currently amended) The apparatus ($\oplus 20$) of claim 28, wherein:
said processing means ($\oplus 13$) starts a predetermined time interval (T_2) responsive to said first user input; and
said second user input is detected by said processing means ($\oplus 13$) within said predetermined time interval (T_2);